

SHS flying HIGHER



Highlights

Academic and Sporting Achievements

Debating and Public Speaking Triumphs

Old Boys in America

High Rugby Sports Lunch

Annual Illuminate Festival

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*Front cover: The 1st and 2nd XV joined Old Boys John Brass and Craig Wing to celebrate 135 years of High Rugby at the High Rugby Sports Lunch
Below: Dr Kim Jaggar addressing our guests at the High Rugby Sports Lunch*





From the PRINCIPAL

In this second edition of *Flying Higher*, I want to thank the Sydney High community for their great support of the students of the school during the winter season. The efforts of everyone are valued. Whether you helped by organising supper for Friday night debates, or flipped burgers for the rugby home games at McKay, or attended football matches at McKay, your contribution to the quality of the educational provision offered at High was important. The staff and coaches have done a great job again this winter managing fixtures for over 1000 boys. Our Old Boys give back to their school in many ways including as coaches of our sports and debating teams.

There have been some notable successes this winter. High won the premiership in Volleyball in both grades. High has four representatives in the CHS U16s State Volleyball team. The first grade Tennis team won back-to-back Stan Jones Cup titles as best CHS tennis school. Our 16s team won the Intermediate Division of the GPS Cross Country. Eric Holmstrom and Kane Shields qualified to compete at the National Schools Cross Country Championship. Our Hume Barbour team won the CHS Debating title for the 27th time. Justin Lai won the national ESU Plain English Speaking title. Archie Fox and Sam Merrick qualified for Sydney East Blues for Rowing. Guy Suttner won the national prize in the Economics Competition. Henry Thi was national senior winner in the Business Studies Competition and Aland Goran was NSW senior winner. Matthew Le was first in NSW in the Business Studies Competition. Sydney Boys High was ranked second in Australia in the National Geography Competition. High scored three

equal firsts in Australia: Felix Yi, Rayan Haque and Mitchell Liu. In target rifle shooting Nathan Wong and Wen Tao (2017) and Frank Zhou (11M) have been selected in the U21 Australian team to compete at the Long Range World Championships to be held in New Zealand next year. You can see the many varied and accomplishments of our boys.

If you are re-engaging with High after a long break since leaving school, or if you have received communications from High in the last couple of years and are keeping up with recent events, I want you to be reassured that your old school is one of which you can be proud. The school is very competitive in a range of sports, co-curricular activities and competitions. It is true that our standard in Rowing and Rugby has declined but that has not diminished the enthusiasm of the participation by our students in these sports. These days, there is a greater diversity in our sports offerings than was the case thirty years ago and our students excel in many of them. There is a greater range of choices in society and schools than there used to be. I would argue that the school has never been more successful than it has been in the last decade, if the yardstick is academic and co-curricular achievements.

It is a great privilege for me to be able to lead this wonderful school in its pursuit of excellence through opportunity.

Dr K. A. Jaggar
Principal

Academic and Co-curricular *Highlights*

Our First Grade Debating won the Hume Barbour PDC Debating Competition for the 27th time.

Debater Alexander De Araujo was selected for the NSW Schools Debating Team which won the National Schools Debating Championship.

Justin Lai won the National ESU Plain English Speaking Competition and flies to London next year to represent Australia.

Bill Wong and Tim Wan came first and second place in NSW and Australia in the ASX Schools Share Market Game 1.



Guy Suttner came first in the National Economics Competition.

Matthew Le earned the highest score in NSW for the Australian Business Studies Competition. Henry Thi was National Senior Winner and Aland Goran NSW Senior Winner for Business Studies.

High ranked second in the Australian Geography Competition. Coming equal first in Australia were Felix Yi, Rayan Haque and Mitchell Liu.

Jack Keating came third in Year 8 Philosophy at the NSW Philosothon.

Our school Chess team of eight players won the GPS Knockout Competition. The team comprised Peter Boylan, Henry Chen, David Zeng, Amerthan Thevathasan, Justin Wayne-Low, Kerwin Ma, Jinghan (Harry) Wu, Ryan Lee and Jack Keating. In the NSW Junior Chess League Competition, the High team retained the shield as state champions. The team involved was: Mahroun Rahme, Austin Liu, Dean Nguyen, William Wibawa and Jack Keating.

Sporting *Highlights*

Hunar Verma was selected into the U17s Metropolitan Cricket squad to play in the U17s National Championships.

The Opens CHS Basketball Team won the Grand Final and are undefeated NSW CHS Basketball Champions in 2018. Sydney High Basketball came second in the State All Schools Championships. Sebastian Diaz was selected in the NSW CIS Basketball team and Eoin Fitzgerald represented NSW in the U16s National Basketball Championships.

Our Open Table Tennis Team had their fourth consecutive victory in the CHS Table Tennis Competition. Both Alex Yeung and Roy Lin were selected for the NSW U15 Table Tennis team.

In GPS Rifle Shooting, our Second Grade team placed second and the First Grade team placed third. Jackie Wu was selected to compete in the Combined GPS.

In the NSW Volleyball All Schools tournament the SBHS U17s won the Open Division gold medal and the SBHS U16s took the silver medal. High also won the NSWCHS Volleyball Knockout and our First Grade Volleyball team regained their GPS title. Billy Nguyen, Joshua Reid, Blair Zhong and Oliver Yang were selected for the NSW U16 Volleyball team.

Our U16s team won the intermediate division of the GPS Cross Country competition. Eric Holmstrom placed fourth at the NSW CHSSA Cross Country Championships.

At the GPS Athletics our juniors came 4th, while the intermediates came 8th and the seniors 6th.

Allen Fang was selected into the NSW U15 Badminton team.

Speed skater Kieran Guan was awarded one of only ten NSW Olympic Council Grants. Kieran is ranked in the top 40 in the world for his age group for the 500m in Short Track Speed Skating.



Old Boys...on the world stage...

Scott Morrison (1985) recently became our first Old Boy Prime Minister since **Earle Page (Class of 1895)**. Scott came to Sydney Boys High from Clovelly Primary and soon took advantage of the many activities offered by the school. On the sporting side Scott was introduced to Rowing as part of the Year 7 Scullers and over the years he progressed steadily through to the 1st VIII by Year 12. Scott also enjoyed playing Rugby, from his start in the under 6s at the Clovelly Rugby Club to High's 1st XV in Year 12.

In 1983 when Scott was in Year 10 and in the 15A Rugby team, a student at St Ignatius' College Riverview was seriously injured during a rugby game and became a quadriplegic. Even though the injury did not occur in a game against High, Scott and his teammates organised a 24-hour 'Rugby-a-thon' at Sydney High to raise funds for the injured boy. They persuaded businesses, banks and individuals to sponsor the event and even arranged for McDonalds and other outlets to provide food over the 24 hours. The event raised \$3000 and Scott and his mate Stephen Girvan went with their Form Master Mr Mark Reed to an assembly at St Ignatius' College to present the cheque. The St Ignatius' College Headmaster wrote a letter of appreciation to Sydney High Principal Mr Bob Outterside.

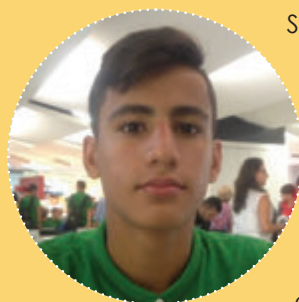


1985 Prefects

In addition to his involvement in sport, Scott was active in the performing arts. He started in the Concert Band in Year 7 and later played the saxophone in the Stage Band under Mr Steve Williams, and participated in the school musicals including *Joseph and the Amazing Technicoloured Dreamcoat*, *Oliver* and *The Pirates of Penzance*. He lists his key influences from his days at High as Mr Reed, for his belief in the boys and Mr Outterside, for the high expectations he had of them. Scott was a Prefect and made many good friends during his six years at Sydney Boys High and looks back fondly on his time at the school.

The Morrisons were fortunate to have both their boys attend High. **Alan Morrison (1983)** was School Vice-Captain and was also involved in Rugby and Rowing, representing High in both the 1st XV and 1st VIII during the High Centenary Year. Alan was a member of the various school bands, playing clarinet and saxophone, and had lead roles in the school musicals of that era. He is currently the Director, Education for NSW Ambulance and an intensive care paramedic.

...and in the World Cup



Sydney Boys High is renowned for supporting and educating great sporting talents and young Old Boy **Daniel Arzani** has joined this select group. Daniel was a football superstar during his years at High and he has since moved on

to perform at an elite level on the football field, with amazing career success for his young age.

Daniel began playing for the Australian under 17 team during his years at High and earlier this year was selected for the Socceroos squad for the 2018 FIFA World Cup in Russia. At nineteen, he had the distinction of being the youngest player in the 2018 World Cup.

Principal Dr Kim Jaggard remembers that Daniel was 'the most outstanding player...we could see that' when he played for High during 2013/2014. High coach Richard Gifford also commented of Daniel's play as a Year 9 student in the 1st XI: 'He was the best player on the field'. Daniel also played for the Combined GPS squad the same year.

Dr John Arzani, Daniel's father, wrote: 'Daniel loved Sydney Boys. He was always telling us that he received a lot of support, both sporting and education-wise, from his schoolmates. Daniel is still in touch with some of his Sydney Boys schoolmates and I think they will stay friends forever.'

Daniel began his professional career playing for Melbourne City. He has since moved to Europe and is currently playing in the Scottish Premiership for Celtic F.C.

Focus on English

The English department at High is dedicated to assisting each student to find their own unique creative and analytical voice. This is something that we aim to achieve in both written and oral expression. In order to achieve our focus we provide our students with a variety of activities and formative and summative assessment tasks that give them opportunities to express themselves and their increasing knowledge of literature and the world.

Our students have the opportunity to regularly participate in writing and slam poetry competitions. They also develop important communication skills in English which assist them to become more confident in High's well established debating and public speaking co-curricular focuses. Additionally, a number of students extend their creative and analytical skills in Drama.

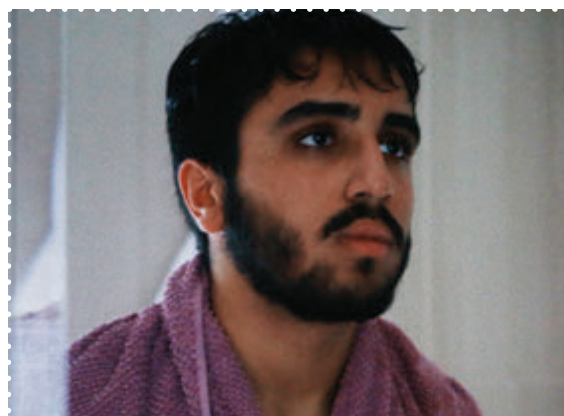
We are aware that our students will be entering into a new and changing work environment where technology will play a significant role. In this sense we are mindful that the skills that we aim to impart need to have meaning in the contemporary work place. For these reasons we focus on creating a nexus between the traditional value of fiction and non-fiction texts and how the study of these texts can develop important analytical and imaginative skills which can be applied beyond the parameters of the school.



Slam poet Philip Wilcox leading a workshop with English students in the library

As English is a compulsory subject we currently teach 209 students in the Year 12 Advanced Course. In the Stage 6 electives we have twenty-nine Extension 1 students and six Extension 2 candidates. Our results in Extension 2 in 2017 were outstanding and we are hoping to continue to build the profile of our subject on all levels in the school.

Michael Cinquetti, Head Teacher English



Still from Year 12 English Extension 2 film Major Work "The Believer" by Mohammad Mohaghegh

Volleyball's Best Year

Sydney High Volleyball has had no better year than 2018. High won the GPS Shield and the NSW CHS Knockout this year and two students were selected to represent NSWCHS (Alec Liu and Sam Yu). Four students were selected to represent NSWCHS Under 16 (Ollie Yang, Billie Nguyen, Blair Zhong and Josh Reid).

Of our ten GPS teams, eight finished in first place and two finished in second place. This followed on from Sydney High's outstanding performance at the last Australian Schools Volleyball Cup where all 5 teams (14A, 15A, 16A, 17A and Year 12) won medals.

Michael Kay, Manager in Charge Volleyball



Debating and Public Speaking *make History*

The Sydney Boys High School 2018 Firsts Debating team has made debating history this year by securing the trophies in all three major competitions that we have entered: the Eastside Debating competition, the Year 12 PDC and by becoming Premiers of GPS.

Not since 2000 has Sydney Boys High School won both the Hume Barbour and the Louat Shield together and the only occasions prior to that were in 1941 and 1943. However, before 2001 the Year 12 Premiers Debating Competition was not a state-wide competition and so the achievement of Alex de Araujo, Guy Suttner and Symeon Ziegler (who were in all three teams) is historic.

At the same time as achieving this pinnacle of competitive success, we have also broken our record in debating numbers. This year we have 28 coaches taking 280 students in weekly coaching which runs from 3.15-4.15 pm every Friday in terms one through three. In addition we have broadened the traditional debating program to



Ryan Borges, Alexander De Araujo, Guy Suttner, Symeon Ziegler and Justin Lai

encompass legal debating and UN debating.

In 2018 SBHS certainly has the most inclusive and most successful debating program in NSW.

In Public Speaking Justin Lai won the 2018 Australian Plain English Speaking Award and will go on to represent Australia next year. This makes him the second only High Student to achieve this accolade, the first being Mark Swivel in 1983. Mark came in to the school to meet Justin as can be seen in the photo.



Rachel Powell, Manager in Charge Debating

The High Life

As scholar-sportsmen at Sydney High, it is undeniable that we are living 'The High Life'. Our school has an ever-expanding list of alumni that are noted for their excellence in the professional world, with celebrated lawyers, doctors and engineers, a world in which years of relentless work ethic is displayed. However, the pursuit of academic and athletic excellence encompasses a climate of toil and sacrifice that goes unseen by the ordinary eye. After countless hours sitting still at a desk contemplating the Cartesian plane and Orwell's pain, thinking of flying rays and drifting off into the next holidays, I realised that it is abnormal to reject human temptations for entertainment and different forms of stimulation. So we formed a crew and created a magazine—named *The High Life*—which is designed to suck your consciousness out of that textbook and satisfy study breaks and any entertainment cravings with an array of

matters being discussed, examined and illustrated, such as: film reviews, photographic displays, interviews on notable alumni, sporting results, political satires, comedy and exemplar creative poetry pieces. The

magazine is fabricated solely by the students of Sydney High, so, dear students, please do not be afraid to submit any compositions to the email: highlifemagazine2017@gmail.com. Editions of *The High Life* are released monthly, both online and in tangible, paper form around the school. For any specific questions, feel free to email us. Pick up a copy and keep living *The High Life*.



Oscar Dumas, Year 12



Lessons from our OLD BOYS IN AMERICA

On a recent family holiday in New York I took the opportunity to meet some of our Old Boys who have moved to the USA. As they reminisced, a common thread was positive memories of the lessons taught at High, including resilience, friendship and comradery. I was treated to some humorous stories and a rich oral history which spanned Sydney High from 1945-1997.

I had the privilege to chat with **Emeritus Professor Alan McLeod (1945)** about his time at High and growing up in Sydney's Eastern Suburbs in the 1920s-1940s including the irony of his early struggles with high school English. Once a member of Mr Levis' bottom English class, with five degrees in English Literature now under his belt he contends that he has improved somewhat. He remembers the struggle to find suitable uniform items during the time of rationing in the 1940s when clothing coupons were used. In school sport, he achieved his merit in lifesaving at Clovelly Beach, ran cross country and umpired at McKay for SHS. Although he has lost touch with pal Bill McKell (1945), he remains in contact with best friend George Maltby AO (1945). Alan received a BEd with First Class Honours (Melb. Uni) and a Masters Degree with Honours (USYD) before completing his PhD thesis on the Speeches of Prime Ministers to the USA Congress (he remembers having each page professionally typed for 25c a page). He met his wife, Marion, on the very first night of his first seminar in 1953 at Pennsylvania State University in the USA, and she later went on to graduate with a PhD (Speech/English). After an illustrious career as an author, editor, teacher and lecturer which included postings to North Sydney Tech and Penn State, Prof and Dr McCloud enjoy their retirement and spending time with their family in the New York area.

David Bailin (1956) remembers his time at Sydney High School fondly. His memories centre around the fun he had in the Cadet Corp and the GPS sports he played. He states his time at High 'taught him to think'. After Sydney High he obtained a BEc at USYD on a Commonwealth Scholarship. His studies included operational research, economics, computer science and statistics. Whilst attaining a Master of Economics at USYD and working for Esso Standard Oil P/L in Sydney he accepted an offer to pursue a PhD in Economics at Harvard University. His interesting academic life included writing theoretical articles on economics and he was involved in the early days of computing at Harvard. After having

worked on an oil base and spending some time in Sydney in the 1990s he has primarily lived and worked in the New Jersey area. His career at Esso (now known as ExxonMobil) spanned twenty eight years, during which he held a variety of roles including in mathematics, systems, supply and transportation. He is currently enjoying his retirement and spending time with his wife and daughter. His passions include living well, gardening and reading. He also volunteers at a local cardiac ward advising patients on recovery from their open-heart surgery. His advice to our current students is to always study hard and participate in sports.

Harry Newton (1958) always had a keen interest in business. He studied at the University of Sydney and graduated with a BEc while simultaneously writing full-time for six years for the *Australian Financial Review*. After a year of travelling, he went on to complete an MBA at Harvard Business School in 1969. Upon graduation he started a publishing company (magazines, books, trade shows, seminars, conventions etc.) which he sold in 1997 for over \$100 million. Harry is an avid writer whose works include *Newton's Telecom Dictionary* which is now in its 31st edition. A daily blogger, Harry writes at www.InSearchOfThePerfectInvestment.com. His fondest memories of High include the 'ultra-bright kids' who went there, and the opportunities afforded by the school to become involved in non-academic activities including a student bank and a band. He remains friends with schoolmate Jack Ritch (1958). His advice to our students today is: 'You are bright. You are motivated. You can do anything you want. The world is your oyster. If I can graduate from Sydney High and make it on the world's largest stage—New York City (where I live now)—you can too. If you have a business you're starting or an invention you're promoting, let me know. There's plenty of resources for great new ideas. Australians are the best. Especially those from Sydney High.'



Harry with Eleanor, one of his four grandchildren



Richard Arnall, Diane and Tyler Harapin and Dominic Skerriitt

Despite the fact that **Richard Arnall (1984)** arrived at SBHS with a stiff English accent, he found it to be a welcoming and accepting environment. After SBHS he went on to obtain a degree in Finance (UNSW). He looks back with gratitude for the experiences, education and friendships that the school provided as well as the opportunity to explore all aspects of life—intellectual, creative, artistic and athletic. From Latin to carpentry, from being trampled in a rugby scrum to hot hours on the cricket pitch, from mathematics to the school production of *The Mikado*, Richard embraced the chance to grow and learn. It took him a while to realise that behind all the hijinks, touch footy, cricket and general mucking around on the flat at lunch was an intelligent, hard-working, determined group of guys who were busy studying every spare minute. High gave Richard lifelong friendships and an intellectual curiosity and entrepreneurial spirit that has followed him in his working life. He has worked in financial services in Sydney and Frankfurt and is presently in a fintech start-up in New York, where he lives with his wife and two children. He returns to Sydney on a regular basis and reconnects with friends from SBHS, picking up the conversation right where they last left it. They are like an extended family, as together they formed memories and foundations for later life: a sense of humour, a moral compass, fortitude to face adversity, and intellectual groundings to challenge the world. His advice to incoming and prospective SBHS students: 'Keep an open mind, be receptive to new opportunities, travel, go forth unafraid with the confidence to know that after six years at Sydney Boys High School you will have the skills, outlook and sense of humour that will provide the most solid of foundations for the rest of your life.'

In 1998, straight out of high school a 17-year-old **Dominic Skerriitt (1997)** joined the Australian Defence Force Academy, eventually graduating with First Class Honours in Economics (UNSW) and a commission as a Lieutenant from the Royal Military College, Duntroon. Over the next decade in the Army, he served as a paratrooper, and later as an intelligence officer. When he got back from Afghanistan in 2009, it looked to him like the war was winding down, so he moved on to the next challenge. He ended up pursuing a dual MBA/MA at Wharton, and as he says, he 'met a girl, got a job in NYC, and the rest is history'. The MA was from the Lauder Institute, majoring in Chinese Language

which he had learned while in the Army and honed while working out of the Australian Embassy in Beijing. Among his fondest memories of High is the rhythmic swing and dip of oars into water in the still pre-dawn during early morning rowing training. He is grateful for the passion for knowledge and rigorous intellectual debate and the values of selflessness, integrity and determination learnt through rowing and rugby. He now resides in New York with his lovely wife and young child and is a Partner at McKinsey & Company. He catches up regularly with Andrew Bowman (1997) (NY) and Justin Wagstaff (1997) (now living in London) and others when they pass through NYC. His advice to the current cohort is that: 'High offers you an excellent foundation to achieve anything you want in life. Set your sights high. If your aspiration doesn't scare you a little, you aren't aiming high enough.'

After graduating from High in 1997, **Chris Daish** was awarded a rowing scholarship to the University of California, Berkeley. He worked in New York City as an artist's assistant before becoming an international fashion model for both Ford Models and Wilhelmina's. Throughout this time, Chris also worked in the NYC restaurant industry. A talent for real estate led him to spend the last five years in residential real estate for The Corcoran Group. He enjoys volunteering at the the Bowery Mission and speaks with passion about his volunteer work. His fondest memories of High are of the 1994 World Rugby Tour. He enjoyed every Head of the River and the High First XV games versus Joeys at Joeys, both as a participant and spectator. Chris told me that High taught him many things including compassion and discipline through sport. Despite his admission that he was a 'pretty hyperactive kid', he learnt valuable listening skills. He still sees Sydney High friends including Naren Young, Jeremy Heimans, James Slezak, Andrew Ho (all 1995) and Tom Vogelgesang (1998) and celebrated his 40th birthday in Sydney recently with thirty-five High Old Boys. Strong bonds formed with teachers particularly Con Barris and the late Phil Day are highlights of his time at High. Chris' advice for our students includes: 'Form strong bonds with teachers—you will receive some of the best advice of your lifetime. Stay curious, follow your dreams, and venture far—it is a big old world. Develop friendships with your remarkable fellows, they will be friends for life. Surround yourself with those that inspire and challenge you; ensure to lift others up around you, it will make you stronger.'



Chris Daish with author Diane Harapin

Sydney Boys High School

PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION (P&C) 2018

Another busy year for the Sydney Boys High School P&C is fast coming to a close. It has been a very successful year in relation to developing our strong sense of community and also, importantly, raising funds for the benefit of the school.

Sydney Boys High School is a government-funded school and therefore parent involvement is the backbone of the organisation and fundraising for the many co-curricular programs available to High boys which are not available at other public schools.

The P&C has worked together with the school in setting spending priorities to assist the school to provide an amazing learning experience across all areas of education. For detailed financial reports, the end of year financial report in November and meeting minutes please go to the P&C Association website which you can access via the parent portal.

While there are many activities that are required of the SBHS P&C, the key P&C activity is to engage with the parents so that they understand how the school works, and what they can do to contribute to the school's day-to-day running.

The P&C meets eight times per year, usually on the 2nd Monday of the month except school holidays. Meetings are held between 6.30-8.00 pm in the SBHS Staff Common Room. All parents are encouraged to attend P&C meetings to understand how SBHS works so they can optimise opportunities for their sons. Parents' general concerns or questions can always be raised at P&C meetings.

Our 2018 meetings comprised a business component followed by an academic component. The business component informs parents of how the school works; the academic component deals with issues of relevance to your sons' learning at SBHS. This year the academic topics at the P&C meetings were as follows:

- At the February meeting Principal Dr Kim Jaggar presented on HSC statistics and results for SBHS 2017 in the Great Hall.
- In March the Head Teacher of Sport Mr Steven Marcos and Dr Kim Jaggar talked about the SBHS Sports Policy and academic performance.

- One of the highlights this year was our meeting in May where we had a panel discussion with six recent SBHS HSC graduates about how to survive the HSC. Valuable tips and advice were passed on to parents and attending students and many questions were answered.
- In June we had a Special General Meeting to consider and vote on three motions involving donations to SBHS by the P&C. This was followed by a joint SBHS and SGHS P&C meeting with the academic topic 'Cyber Safety—what parents should know'. ThinkUKnow is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police, Commonwealth Bank, Microsoft and Datacom and is delivered in partnership with all state and territory police and Neighbourhood Watch Australasia. The cyber safety presentations sensitively covered a range of topics including: sexting, cyber bullying, online child exploitation, online privacy, and importantly what to do when something goes wrong.
- At our August meeting we had another very informative and useful talk by Joanna Chan, Head Teacher Student Wellbeing on 'Managing Student Screen Time'. Her helpful tips and advice were well received by the audience.
- In September we had a visit by Prof Lowe, Deputy Dean (Education) and his colleagues from the University of Sydney's Engineering, IT and Business schools who presented on undergraduate programs and scholarships in their areas.

In addition to these meetings, the P&C organised many other events over the year with the help of a growing band of committed members of the P&C and many parent helpers!

- In February we had our Welcome Evening to help new parents engage quickly with the school community.
- The Illuminate Festival showcased HSC major projects and performances from students in Design and Technology, Drama, English, Software Design, Music and Visual Arts.
- The Open Day was coordinated by Stephanie Fung with the help of many parent volunteers. The school was open to the public to showcase the many available activities.

- The upcoming Orientation Day in November will introduce new Year 7 and other students and their parents to the school.
- The Year 12 Farewell will be part of our November P&C meeting and is organised in conjunction with Year 11 parents.

Other ongoing P&C Projects include:

- A continued focus by the P&C Executive Committee on increasing parental involvement in the P&C using social media, emails and text messaging.
- Providing support for the proposed Governors' Centre for Excellence in Education through participation and P&C representation on the Governors Centre Limited and participation in fundraising efforts.
- Supporting the Sports Council's objectives to ensure that the school's sports program continues to prove engaging and successful and continues to foster High spirit.

There are many options for parents to contribute to how SBHS is run. As parents you can choose more than one. Remember: your son's time at SBHS is short and you should not lose any opportunity to work with him as he grows from a young schoolboy into a man who is ready to contribute to the Australian community. Joining the SBHS P&C is a great way to become involved.

Kim Markworth, P&C Secretary

The staff and students of Sydney Boys High would like to acknowledge and applaud the great contribution to school life made by the committed, reliable and energetic parents who serve on the school's P&C.

Ron Trent, the outgoing P&C President, has served on the P&C, School Council and on the Fundraising Management Committee. He has parked cars incessantly over six years and supported school committees in



Rowing and Rugby. His wife, **Pit**, has also been extremely generous with her time—parking, serving at the Rugby kiosk and barbecue, serving on committees and providing free flu vaccinations to staff annually. We would like to thank them both for their quiet dedication to the ethos of the school.

Kim Jaggard, Principal



If these walls could *talk*...

In this second edition of *If these walls could talk*, we interviewed a few attendees at the recent High Rugby Sports Lunch.



Tony Whillam QC graduated from Sydney High in 1960. Always previously called Antony before he came to High, he was soon labelled 'Tony' by his new mates and he has been Tony ever since. He arrived as one of three boys from Cronulla South Primary School, which was a very small school from which

only one other boy had ever before made it to High. That made their experience different from local Eastern Suburbs boys from schools with longstanding High connections. The boys had a long commute, which helped spread the geographical range of friendships, and one of Tony's great friends was and remains Wayne Young (1959) who was School Captain in 1959. After school Tony studied law at ANU where he was the only one from SHS in the year he matriculated. He finished his degree part-time whilst working in the public service. After graduation and admission to practise, he worked in New York, Sydney and London. In 1975 Tony was elected to the House of Representatives as the Labor member for an inner Sydney seat. His parliamentary career ended in 1977 when his seat was effectively wiped out in a redistribution. Tony returned to practise at the Bar, where he took silk in 1986 and from here he was appointed as a Judge of the Federal Court of Australia in 1993. He retired from the Court in 2005. He still practises as senior counsel, and he remarks that he has been struck since his teenage years by how many old High boys have, to his pleasure, crossed his path both personally and professionally.



Ian Stone graduated in 1977. Despite many highlights from his years at High, including great times with lots of friends, he most values his association and friendship with many of his peer group including the twenty or thirty mates he played rugby with during and after school. His memories are of a close peer group who

visited Hill End/Norfolk Island and enjoyed other excursions as well as providing very competitive teams on all sporting fields including rugby. High gave him more than memories—in fact he gained a brother-in-law as his sister married one of his best mates from High. He cites rugby coach Tony Hannon as a major influence on him from 1973 when Hannon joined the teaching staff at High. Hannon coached Ian's team, and brought together many students from all levels of sport highlighted by the fact that Ian 'beat Joey's four out of six years'. Recently about 110 of their year attended their 40th anniversary reunion. Ian states: 'High was a very rounded school in those days coupled with individuals of different skills and backgrounds which in turn has provided me with a good grounding for the future'. Today, Ian is Chairman of accounting practice Nexia, where he is also Chairman of Asia Pacific and sits on the network's International Board.



Dr Tim Musgrove graduated from High in 1978. He lists his highlights as every rugby match they played and Tony Hannon coming to the school as a rugby coach as his coaching methods were innovative, and he

provided match reports and statistics. Tim was fortunate to have his two sons also attend High and be coached by Mr Hannon. Tim feels that there is an immediate bond and mateship when you meet someone who attended High. He finds it interesting that although he spent only six years at the school, it is where he formed his most important friendships that have lasted forever. Even today, when Tim and his sons mention they went to High they do so with pride. He currently works as a surgeon in Sydney.

John Holmes graduated from High in 1983. Not particularly academic at school, his strongest memories are of his sporting activities. He proudly captained the Centennial rugby team

in 1983. He was inspired and mentored by teachers such as Mr Gainford, Mrs Reay-Young (who organised lunchtime tutoring for him) and Mr Hannon as they possessed a passion for education and 'pushed their students to achieve their best'. He is grateful for the life-long friends he made and feels he gained a kinship from his time at Sydney High. John moved to Newcastle many years ago and currently works with children with disabilities. He is a qualified winemaker and is often found in Sydney

with his High mates watching his son Harry Johnson-Holmes playing for the Waratahs.



For **Sam McCool** (1993), his highlights from his time at Sydney High include winning multiple rugby premierships in his junior years, before playing in the 1st XV and having 5000 people

watch his team beat Joey's at McKay and finally finishing 2nd in the GPS competition. Sam recognises the profound impact of not only the network of the 1000+ boys he went to school with but the greater alumni including the current CEO of CBA (his former rowing coxswain Matt Comyn(1993)) and the Prime Minister (Scott Morrison (1983)), whom he recently roasted at an event. He cites his English/History teacher the late Ross Miller as being a great teacher and allowing his humour to flourish as either class clown or class captain, depending on the day. Sam hosted our High Rugby Sports Lunch and was truly amazed that his blazer still fits twenty-five years on (see photo). He currently works as a corporate event MC hosting events for clients like DELL, ACCOR, and TEDxSydney. As a stand-up comedian he has sold out the Sydney Opera House, and he has been a finalist on *Australia's Got Talent* and toured the world from Bollywood to Hollywood.



Craig Wing graduated from Sydney Boys in 1997. His favourite memories of High are playing rugby on 'the flat'. He remembers one particular day when a friendly touch footy match turned in a full-blown rough rugby game in the rain, and he and his friends were forced to walk back to class and attend the afternoon sessions covered in mud! For him, playing rugby was all about mateship.

Facing the adversity of being the underdogs in the GPS Rugby competition, mateship became very important to Craig. He states the team liked the idea of 'smashing' the other GPS schools' wingers or centres into the large crowd. His team won about half of their games at High and they took The King's School 'down to the wire' in one game he remembers well. He was inspired by coach Tony Hannon and back's coach Ben Whitaker. As coaches, they were all about enjoying Rugby and playing to your strengths, and were not performance-driven like some other coaches. Wing's mates at High trained hard and enjoyed Mr Hannon's highlight reels together. Craig still holds a personal sense of pride to be associated with High, the men it developed and the wonderful alumni. After a very successful sporting career spanning nineteen years, Craig now works as a sport and entertainment wealth strategist for Infinity Group Australia. He also works part-time for the NRL digital department as well as Fox Sports.



Mr Bob Outterside was appointed to the Maths staff in 1958, when the boys 'actually enjoyed Maths' and became Headmaster from 1977 until 1991. He never had a dull day teaching and says his time at High was the best job he ever had. His aim as a teacher and educational leader was to be

a positive influence on his staff and his boys and to put a smile on people's faces. He felt that if you made ninety teachers happy and multiplied that by the twenty-five boys they taught that would make a huge impact. He remembers the school being involved in many special programs above and beyond the government's set curriculum activities. He noted that although the boys came from a variety of backgrounds and locations, they shared a unique passion for learning, a desire to share the gift of their intellect and a degree of intelligent good humour. He was thrilled to be a part of the recent High Rugby Sports Lunch.

Thank you to all involved with these interviews, including interviewer Tyler Harapin (Year 11) and videographer Luke Rosen

Diane Williams Harapin
Director of Development



Celebrating 135 years of Rugby at High

What a joy it was to see more than 250 people from the High community celebrating High's great rugby tradition at Royal Randwick on 7 September 2018. The event opened with a rendition of the school song by the 2018 First and Second XV at the conclusion of which MC Sam McCool emerged from the boys in full High blazer to open the lunch. Principal Dr Kim Jaggar then spoke about the power of community between the Old Boys and current students.

Leading the charge of the honoured High rugby legends were Wallabies John Brass (also a Kangaroo), Chris Whitaker and Alan Skinner, with of course Bob Outterside, former High Principal and coach. We also hosted honoured guest, Craig Wing, who has the unique distinction of being a dual international 'Brave Blossom' and Kangaroo; and rugby great Adam Magro, who toured with two Wallaby teams. John Brass' attendance gave great impetus for his GPS-title-winning 1963 team mates to attend. Sadly, John's centre partner and Wallaby, Phil Smith has passed away, however we enjoyed seeing Chris Hawkins, Van Cooney, Nick Stammell, Warren Hatfield, James Claringbold, Clem Lewis, Alan Gaffney, Ken Monson and Chris Levi.

Former teacher and coach, Greg Harris, presented the High Dream Team, the all-time High legends of Rugby as selected by Bob Outterside, Greg Harris, Peter Crittle, Ben Whitaker and Alan Gaffney. Further, it was an honour to be joined by Old Boy and SHS teacher Geoff Stein (Captain First XV 1973) and his rugby mates who

played in the last three GPS-winning First XV's. That extraordinary era also produced a momentous occasion—the 1972 team being the first to beat Joeys at 'The Hill'.

We were honoured to have in attendance prop John Bell with his three High rugby-playing sons, Steven, Greg and Peter. We were also pleased to have other 1946 alumni present including Ken Millar and Selwyn Shineberg. It was impressive to see so many players from the 1963, 1971, 1972 and 1973 GPS Premiership-winning teams at the lunch.

During his on-stage interview with journalist Iain Payten, Craig Wing shared that in his long and diverse career for the Australian Schoolboys, Rabbitohs, Roosters, Blues, Kangaroos and Brave Blossoms, the most enjoyable year of his football life was the year he played for High in 1997. Unfortunately his much-admired coach Tony Hannon was unable to attend the Lunch to hear this tribute to High's running-rugby style. It was a testament to their regard for High that eight of the seventeen players who represented at Australian Schoolboy level were in attendance. In addition to Craig Wing and Adam Magro, we also welcomed Richard Ball, Luke Mann, Ben McKay, Duncan McRae, Caerl Murray and Ed Zemencheff.

When a video tribute was played the crowd cheered to see Steve Ackerman going over for his SCG try against Kings in the 1979 curtain raiser to the Test against Ireland and then again when Mal Aikman kicked a long range SCG field goal to

draw the match with Scots in the 1983 Centenary Year which preceded the Test against the US.

As Sam McCool took us through a sumptuous lunch, forty Old Boys and parents purchased the souvenir 135-year rugby ball, collecting a few famous autographs along the way. The SHS Foundation is grateful to everyone who purchased an auction item, bought raffle tickets or made a direct donation resulting in the event raising a much-needed \$30 000 for High's playing fields. All media associated with the event are available on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/Sydneyhighschoolobu/ and our YouTube channel <http://bit.ly/2R6KbaH>.

Paul Almond
President, Sydney High School Old Boys Union

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Ahead of the Field

Athletics at Sydney Boys High School has enjoyed enormous successes in recent years, including winning the Kippax Cup in 2013, 14, 15 & 16 and placing 4th & 5th at the GPS across the juniors, intermediate & seniors in recent years.

Athletics has been a successful and widely popular sporting program within the school. Last year High boasted the largest athletics squad in the GPS with 158 boys, and in 2018 there are 240. The staff involved with Athletics are all highly-committed individuals working to ensure the physical and personal development of the boys. Our primary objective is to create a culture of success, confidence, and team ethics within an individual sport, all of which is achieved in tandem with the continued enjoyment of the students. MIC Kurt Rich has led the past six seasons, with Natalie Luu coming on board to assist on the Saturdays as of this season. All of the coaches are determined to see a strong Athletics program flourish within SBHS, with consistent high-quality training sessions (3 per week in season with Saturday invitationals) offered and plenty of competitions for the boys to test their abilities against the best in NSW and Australia. Speed and endurance training takes place throughout the year, with increasing training sessions during athletics season. This, in combination with a strong and thorough work ethic in the weights room, has proven that when boys have acted under a program and applied their best efforts, then fantastic results have ensued not just on

the track, but in other sports and in their own personal development. The Sydney Boys High Athletics program has been complimented by other schools as having the best participation levels, best attitudes at GPS athletic meets and most improved program and performance over the past few years.

At the recent GPS Athletics our juniors did a fantastic job coming 4th, while the intermediates came 8th and the seniors 6th. The following were place-getters in championship events: Pico Dos Santos-Lee (1st 17s 110m Hurdles); Paul Feng (2nd 14s Shot Put); Eric Holmstrom (2nd Opens 3000m); Justin Lee Nonis (2nd 14s 200m); Julian Markworth-Scott (1st 17s Long Jump); Sudaraka Pieris: (1st 16s 100m); Raghav Ramanathan (3rd 17s High Jump); Rhys Shariff (3rd 15s 1500m); Kane Shields (2nd 14s 800 & 1500m); Josh Suto (1st 13s High Jump, 2nd Long Jump, 3rd 100 & 400m); Rowan Tan (1st 14s 400m) and Anthony Vlatko (1st 17s 400 & 800m).

Kurt Rich, Manager in Charge Athletics

Photos courtesy of Blue Hat Photography





Illuminate Festival 2018

The Illuminate Festival (3-6 September) is the week Sydney High School celebrates the creativity, ingenuity, innovation and the artistic, literary, dramatic and musical mastery of students. Film-makers, actors, writers, musicians, designers and artists share their work with the whole school over the week. This year the inaugural Judy Cassab Prize was awarded to twelve-year-old Chloe Huang for her still life painting. The \$2000 prize was created by Judy Cassab's son, Peter Kampfner (1964), in memory of his mother's outstanding contribution to Australian modern art and her significant contribution to the Sydney Boys art collection. The painting or drawing prize is open to students from Sydney Girls or Sydney Boys. Mr Jason Phu (2007) was the guest speaker and judge. Mr Phu is a highly-regarded contemporary artist who won the Sulman Prize in 2015 and the school has a few of his artworks in its collection. Mr Phu, Dr Jaggar and Mr Kampfner (shown in the photo to the right) shared their insights about the importance of creativity at the opening with a crowd of up to three hundred. Following the speeches were outstanding performances from HSC Music and English Extension students as well as dramatic monologues and films.

Congratulations to all of the students and teachers who contributed to making the festival such an inspiring event.

Jennifer May, Head Teacher Creative Arts



SHS Foundation puts *'Runs on the Board'*



SYDNEY HIGH SCHOOL
FOUNDATION

A very busy period for the Sydney High School Foundation and its Development Office has seen the achievement of several major milestones in the SBHS Philanthropy Program.

In April, the first edition of the new *Flying Higher* magazine, published by the Development Office and covering activities and achievements across the whole school, student, parent and Old Boy community, was mailed and emailed to over 10 000 current student families and Old Boys.

In May, the Foundation launched its new, long-term Philanthropy Program, **Higher Vision—Opportunity for Excellence**. Principal Dr Jaggar and I outlined the importance of our community's support for High and the vital contribution of the Philanthropy Program. OBU President Paul Almond highlighted the extensive Old Boy support for the school and unveiled the historic SHS Sports Cabinet purchased with Old Boy donations. As the photos below show, it was a great event.

In June, the Foundation established its Sports Facilities and McKay & Moore Park Playing Fields Fund with the Australian Sports Foundation, allowing our community to make tax-deductible donations for the school's sports facilities. Also in

June, with construction of the Governors Centre now funded, the Development Office launched the 2018 Annual Appeal to support three other pressing needs:

- Retaining access to and upgrading our McKay and Moore Park Playing Fields;
- Supporting students suffering serious financial hardship; and
- Giving students the advantage of excellent digital classroom technology.

The High Rugby Sports Lunch held in September was a major success. Organised with the OBU, it reconnected many Old Boys and raised funds for our playing fields. Following the lunch, this 2nd edition of *Flying Higher* was put to bed and preparations are underway for the Christmas Appeal, to be launched in late October.

As always, the Foundation would like to thank our whole school community for supporting these initiatives to provide the Opportunity for Excellence at High.

Geoff Andrews
Chair, Sydney High School Foundation



Making History at High

The History Faculty has a variety of courses that run from Year 7 to Year 12. History classes in Year 7 study the nature of history and pre-history followed by case studies of Ancient Greece and Ancient China. In Year 8, students undertake a comparative study of Medieval Europe and Japan under the Shogun followed by the Mongol expansion. In Year 9, students undertake the Stage 5 course over one year with a focus on the Industrial Revolution, Australia at War and Changing Rights and Freedoms from 1945.

Students then have the option to choose History in their senior years. The Year 10 Elective History course includes a study of Medicine through the Ages, Life in Ancient Rome, Genocide Studies, Film and History and Games and History. Year 10 students who do well also have the opportunity to accelerate in Year 10 and undertake the Modern History course.

In Years 11 and 12, the History Faculty offers Modern History, Ancient History and Studies of Religion. Modern History students are able to examine a number of topics from the American Civil War to the Cuban Revolution in Year 11 while Year 12 has a focus on the rise of dictatorships following World War I, the Russian Revolution and the Second Indochina War. Ancient History students have the opportunity to further study Ancient Rome as well as Ancient Greece and Sparta. The Studies of Religion course is growing in numbers and in this course students are able to study Christianity, Islam and Buddhism in their major case studies. In all years the History Faculty encourages students to work collaboratively to study these important topics.

Madeleine Rigby,
Head Teacher History



Focus on the Social Sciences

The Social Science Faculty strives to become a faculty of excellence in teaching and learning by encouraging independent thinking and creativity in an intellectually stimulating environment.

Our objectives are:

- To implement teaching strategies for the development of independent and critical thinking;
- To develop a stimulating and cooperative learning environment for both staff and students; and
- To prepare students for active involvement within our contemporary society.

Social Sciences includes the following subjects:

Stages 4 and 5 (Years 7-10)

- Junior Geography (Stage 4 and 5 in Years 7-9) including compacting in Year 9
- Elective Geography (Stage 5 in Year 10)
- Elective Commerce (Stage 5 compacted in Year 9)
- School-developed Commerce (Stage 5 in Year 10)

Stage 6 (Years 11 and 12)

- Senior Geography (Stage 6) including acceleration
- Senior Business Studies (Stage 6) including acceleration
- Senior Legal Studies (Stage 6)
- Senior Economics (Stage 6)

2018 Recent Achievements

In the 2018 ASX Schools Share Market Game 1, Bill Wong (Year 10) won National 1st and NSW 1st place and Tim Wan (Year 11) won National 2nd & NSW 2nd place.

The following students won prizes in the 2018 Australian Geography Competition: Felix Yi came equal first in Australia for Year 7; Rayan Haque came equal first in Australia for Year 8; and Mitchell Liu came equal first in Australia for Year 10.

In the 2018 UNSW National Business and Economics Competitions: Henry Thi won \$400 as National Senior Winner (Business Studies); Guy Suttner won \$400 as National Senior Winner (Economics); Aland Goran won \$100 as NSW Senior Winner (Business Studies); and Matthew Le won \$100 as Junior Prize State Winner (Business Studies)

Peter Loizou, Head Teacher Social Science



News from the Old Boys

Former School Captain **Alec Tzannes AM (1969)** won the Australian Institute of Architects' Gold Medal in recognition of his exceptional body of work across a broad spectrum of architectural practice and his exemplary service and leadership within the profession, academia and related fields. His recent work includes the 'Central Park' development in Camperdown, the old Resch's Brewery site.

Ricky Pachon (2016) will represent Australia in the Brazilian Jiu-jitsu World Championship in California.

Melbourne United basketballer **Craig Moller (2012)** was selected to join the NBL All-Australian side for the upcoming China tour.

Former Member for Cowan, **Luke Simpkins (1981)** became CEO of the NSW Irrigators' Council.

Robert Brand (1969) is our very own High space man. Many met him at the 2017 High Achievers event. Robert has launched his latest scientific venture, partnering with the son of Apollo 11 astronaut Neil Armstrong, Rick. Look out for Thunderstruck Aerospace!

Ramesh Nithiyendran (2006) aka Ramesh Mario, won an award for his sculptural/model/constructive works. From Ramesh: 'Super excited to have won the Melbourne Art Foundation's Young Artist Award!'

Evan Wong (2010)'s fintech startup Checkbox was awarded 'RegTech of the Year' for the second year in a row.

Luke Schofield (2016) was selected by Triathlon Australia to represent Australia in the Junior Men's team for the ITU (triathlon) Grand Final. Luke finished 12th fastest in the world! **Jayden Schofield (2016)** also competed strongly.

Fintech firm Identitii has launched the first ASX blockchain IPO in two years, aiming to raise \$11 million ahead of a September 2018 listing, led by co-founder and CEO **Nick Armstrong (2001)**.

Booktopia, led by **Steve Taurig (1984)** and **Simon Nash (1983)** along with brother, Tony Nash, was named 2018 Telstra NSW Business of the Year.

Lawyer **Tony Cordato (1970)** wrote the Australian chapter of the recently-published *The Real Estate Review*.

Former Wallabies No.9 **Chris Whitaker (1992)** has been added to the NSW Waratahs' coaching staff ahead of the 2019 season. Whitaker's return to Sydney follows two years as Co-Head Coach of French club Montauban, and stints with Stade Francais and Irish club side Leinster. Chris played in 118 games for NSW, including 107 for the NSW Waratahs, 48 internationals for Australia between 1998 and 2005, and also represented the Barbarians and Leinster.

David Moses (1991)'s residential building company Horizon was named 2017 Master Builder of the Year by the NSW Master Builder's Association, and was also a finalist in the National Master Builder of the Year Awards.

David Scribner (1983) has joined listed company oOh!media Limited as Chief Customer Officer.

Congratulations to the following Old Boys who received Queens Birthday Honours in June 2018:

Emeritus Professor Bruce Albert Warren (1951), OAM for service to medicine, and to medical education, particularly to pathology.

Mr Michael Robert Price (1966), OAM for service to people with a disability, and to the community.

Dr David Keith Sweeting (1959), OAM for service to electrical engineering.

Vale

John Fraser (1933)

A proud supporter of High, passed away. His generous bequest will greatly contribute to the School's building fund.

Eric (Rick) Morcombe (1943)

Passed away on 27 September 2017. He had fond memories of his time at Sydney High.

Keith Kent (1939)

One of High's living treasures, passed away in June 2018.

Emeritus Professor

Colin Rex Ward (1962) passed away in September 2018. Colin was a very proud Old Boy which he carried in his academic life in the field of coal geology.

WILL OUR SBHS LIBRARIES DISAPPEAR IN THE DIGITAL AGE?

Our Library is very busy this term with students and 'events'. We ran the Indigenous Literacy Book Swap and we just finished running a three-day Blitz Chess Tournament and went straight into the Premier's Reading Challenge. We then dove into organising our author visit for Years 9 and 10 with Phillip Wilcox, Slam Poetry Winner.

Libraries have been experiencing the digital age for the last twenty five or so years. The Junior Library's ride with technology has been a wild but exciting one and our SBHS libraries in particular have been at the forefront of the e-Book revolution since both BYOD laptops and the Oliver digital library system came to DET schools three years ago. Half of our Library loans are now e-Books.



Our Junior Library uses several methods for analysing its usefulness to our school and the gate counter on our security gates automatically counts people entering our library. Our Semester One count was 39 311 visits. Our Semester One count for students wanting to use our library at break times is 6042. Semester One class-time student spaces used = $484/1020 = 47\%$ used. Our students find our libraries very useful places.

Veronica Crothers, Teacher Librarian, Junior Library

Indigenous Literacy Foundation Student Ambassador

I was proud to be selected to be one of fifteen Indigenous Literacy Foundation Student Ambassadors and be given the opportunity to meet the founder of the ILF, Suzy Wilson, and a few ILF Ambassadors including singers Jessica Mauboy and Josh Pyke, *Play School* host Justine Clarke and writer Alison Lester. On 5th September 2018 Indigenous Literacy Day was simultaneously celebrated at the Sydney Opera House and Melbourne's Federation Square. Alongside five other Student Ambassadors from across New South Wales, I travelled to the Opera House and met visiting Binjari community members and eight students from St Joseph's Catholic College in Katherine, a town in the Northern Territory.

The 2018 Indigenous Literacy Day marked a truly significant event for Indigenous communities around Australia as it was the first time that the Indigenous language Kriol had been read in the Sydney Opera House. The *Binjari Buk* series of nine books, written and illustrated by Binjari women in their first language Kriol, was launched to help remote Indigenous children tackle their low literacy standards. Three of the books in the series were read by the St Joseph's students to approximately seven hundred upper primary

school students from New South Wales. It is vital that Indigenous children in remote areas have access to these books because English could be their fourth or fifth language and they have no books of their own at home.

Justine Clarke and Josh Pyke celebrated the event by singing *Words Make the World Go Around*. A Great Book Swap followed where students swapped picture books and novels for \$1. This Great Book Swap was the highlight of the Indigenous Literacy Day for me. It was sensational to see as many as 700 students participating in the book swap to support the literacy of remote Indigenous communities.

Joshua Lam, Year 10





Going the Distance

National Championships

Two of our finest Cross Country athletes, Eric Holmstrom and Kane Shields, competed at the National Cross Country Championships in August. Kane competed in the 16s age group and was happy with his run, coming 54th in the U16. Kane's goal was to come in the top 20 of his age and he came in 15th. This is a great achievement for a student who only joined High Cross Country this year. Our GPS Captain Eric Holmstrom competed in the U20s age group. The race was not only the Australian National Championship but was also counted as the Oceania Cross Country Championships as New Zealand was competing in the race. With tough competition and a challenging course packed full of steep hills and tricky descents it was a hard weekend of racing. Eric finished 11th in the U20s (6th 18 year old) and managed to come away with a gold medal as part of the NSW team.

GPS Competition—Under 16s Premiers

This year witnessed a tightly-contested GPS competition, with our U16 team taking out the premiership. The last race of the season was to decide the Premiers—either the Grammar or the High boys. This is the first time in the school's history that High has taken the U16s premiership two times in three years. Putting it into context, the last time we won this event was in 1996! Under the meticulous coaching talent of Dani Andres, our athletes were able to build on their fitness all year and maintain pressure at the top of the table. The key athletes in this strong squad were Matthew Moloney, Rhys Shariff, Kane Shields, Kelvin Meng, Steven Meng and Vitali Kovalevskiy. We look forward to challenging for the Opens Championship next year.

Rebecca Dam, Manager in Charge Cross Country



Watched by many proud parents, eighty graduating Year 12 boys received their SHS Old Boys Union Life Membership certificates and badges at their Farewell Assembly on their last day of school. Presenting the new Life Members to the School, SHS OBU Vice-President Geoff Andrews highlighted the important role of the OBU in linking our 10 000 strong Old Boy community to the school and with one another.

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